

**Department of Justice
Office of Domestic Preparedness First Responder Equipment Support Grant Program and
Its Implementation in Kentucky**

- **Funding Provided to Department of Justice under US Public Law 105-119.**
- **Funding to assist State and local first responders in becoming properly equipped to respond to incidents of terrorism involving Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Explosives and Incendiary devices.**
- **DOJ Requirements for each State to receive the grants:**
 1. **Plan and execute a state specific threat and needs assessment. (Completed in September 2001 by the UK Patterson school)**
 2. **Develop a three-year plan to enhance emergency response. The Plan must include equipment and training. (Approved by Department of Justice in January 2002)**
 3. **Apply for the funds provided in each Federal Fiscal Year Funding. (1999, 2001, 2002). (Final Grant approved August 2002)**
- **Kentucky established a Weapons of Mass Destruction Work Group which assisted in the development, review and drafting of the Kentucky three-year plan.**
- **The plan Established:**
 - **14 Regional Response teams - one per Emergency Management Area.**
 - **Each Team will respond to HAZMAT/WMD events within its region and statewide.**
 - **Each Team will have a minimum of 52 active members.**
 - **Equipment costs calculated at \$1,142,000 per team. (Based on a Kentucky equipment list developed from the Department of Justice Standard Equipment List and authorized equipment types in each Grant year guidance).**
 - **Total initial Funding in the 1999, 2001 and 2002 years would only provide ½ of funding required for 14 full teams.**
 - **Initial funding would provide 13 teams with a minimum set of equipment (as established by the Kentucky WMD Work Group) and partially equip the 14th team.**
 - **Each Team (1 through 13) is currently eligible to receive up to \$547,563 for equipment purchases.**
- **All Three Grant Year funds (1999, 2001, 2002) have been applied for by the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management and all three Grant Year Funds are available for expenditure by Teams.**
- **Current funding available: (as of October 1, 2002)**

Fy 99 funds:	\$708,000
Fy 00/01 funds:	\$2,220,000
Fy 02 funds:	\$5,048,000
- **Allowable usage of funds: Acquisition of Personal Protective Equipment, Chemical, Biological, and Radiological detection; and communications equipment and other WMD response equipment.**

For more information contact your County Emergency Manager